



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Manfred Gunthner et al.

Title: JOINING DEVICE FOR AN ACTUATING LEVER AND SUPPORTING ELEMENT OF A VALVE OPERATING MECHANISM OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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AMENDMENT

**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
SIR:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2008, and stating a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 28, 2009.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: